

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months up to and including March 3, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated July 31, 2002. A check for the extension fee is enclosed. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/TERV:002/MCB.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing remarks fully respond to all outstanding matters for this application. Applicants respectfully request that all rejections be withdrawn and that all pending claims be passed to issuance. Should the Examiner desire to discuss this application in more detail by telephone or if any additional concerns remain, the undersigned attorney may be reached at 512-536-3018 (voice), 512-536-4598 (fax), or by email at mbarrett@fulbright.com.

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